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**DETAILED ACTION**

**RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT**

1. The amendment filed 03/05/2007 is non-responsive because all of the pending claims, i.e., newly submitted claims 20-35 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: the originally claimed invention (independent claims 7-8, 10-13, and 15-18) recited limitations that are drawn to a method of ascertaining that a count indication returned is within a predetermined range of values before attempting to retrieve more data, whereas newly presented claims 20-35 recite limitations directed toward a method for tracking communications between a processing unit (PU) and an external device (ED), comprising: incrementing a write channel count upon receipt of outbound data from the PU by the ED, have either been cancelled or withdrawn from consideration. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

**CONCLUSION**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ernest Unelus whose telephone number is (571) 272-8596. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

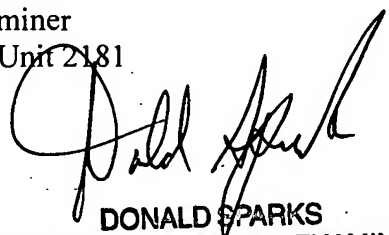
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3. If attempts to reach the above noted Examiner by telephone is unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Donald Sparks, can be reached at the following telephone number:  
Area Code (571) 272-4201.

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